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In re Application of:

BEFORE THE EXAMINER:

Vaughan et al.

James W. Pasterczyk

Serial No.: 08/877,684

Group Art Unit No.: 1755

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For: *Supported Late Transition Metal
Catalyst Systems*

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated 26 June 2002 (Paper No. 34),
please enter the following remarks.

Please reconsider this application based on the amendments and
following remarks.

- Claims 1, 6, 13, 17-20, 22-27, 30, and 33-40 are pending in this Application.
- Claims 1, 6, 13, and 17-20 are rejected.
- Claims 1, 6, 13, 17-20, 22-27, 30, and 33-40 are subject to a restriction requirement.

For the reasons that follow, all claims are in condition for allowance.

Thank you for your interview of August 22, 2002.

As of the most recent office action, all claims are allowable over the
prior art. Throughout many years of prosecution, you have made numerous prior
art rejections and withdrew them after our arguments overcame them.

As a matter of record, you believe that the closest prior art is Masters et al., WO 83/02907, (paper number 32, numbered paragraph 7, second sentence). Our claims are patentable over this art for substantially the same reason as you outlined in paper number 32. Paragraph number 7 of paper number 32, clearly shows that you believed that the only outstanding rejections were formal in nature.

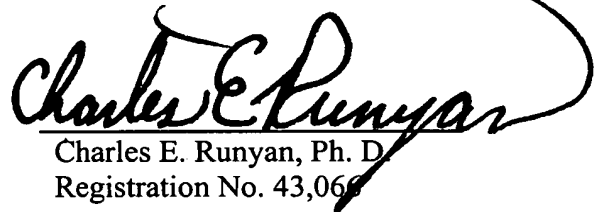
As of the interview referenced above, you decided that the outstanding formal claim rejections were merely a question of semantics. Therefore, the proper course is to withdraw these formal rejections.

Since there are no outstanding rejections over the claims of this application, all claims are in a condition for allowance. Please issue a Notice of Allowability so stating.

If you decide to re-make old, already-dealt-with prior art rejections, please indicate in what ways your previous withdrawal of those rejections was wrong.

If you can think I can be of further help, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,


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